unauthorised constructions in Delhi and the suspected connivance of the staff of the different authorities in the matter. A Flying Squad has been constituted in the Ministry and if, as a result of findings of this Squad, it is found that subordinate staff has not done its duty or not carried out the aforesaid instructions, strict action against the Subordinate/Supervisory Staff would be taken by the Government.

Yours faithfully,

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Encroachments by Shopkeepers of Bartan Market, Sadar Bazar, Delhi

2547. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the shopkeepers in Bartan Market in Sadar Bazar, Delhi, have encroached the footpaths in the area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the shopkeepers in Bartan Market are encroaching the footpaths in connivance with the local police; and

(d) the action proposed/being taken by Government to remove such encroachments to facilitate the local residents and the action being taken against the culprit police officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI

BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. It has been reported that whenever any temporary encroachments are noticed the same are removed during the course of raid action by MCD.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No such nexus between the shopkeepers and police authorities is detected/established by Delhi Police.

Judgement Regarding the Govt. land of Baroda House and Faridkot House

†2548. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in one of its judgements, the Supreme Court has ordered handing over of Government land of Baroda House and Faridkot House Lane to Government of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Gujarat will have to vacate some portion of the said land as that land falls under its jurisdiction; and

(c) by when the Government of Maharashtra will own the said land and whether there is any provision to give due compensation to the Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) No such Supreme Court judgement has come to the notice of Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation & Ministry of Railways who are in occupation of Baroda House. Faridkot House belongs to Meharawal Khewaji Trust and is presently taken on lease by Directorate of Estates. Lay out plan showing plots for 'Ruling Princes and Chiefs' indicates two plots on Lytton Road (Now known a Copernicus Marg) belong to Baroda Darbar. Out of these, one plot is known as 'Baroda House' and is under control of Ministry of Railways. The other plot is known as Sirmur plot and the same has been handed over to Government of Maharashtra on 24.3.1999 on as is where basis.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 2.30 p.m.

The House then adjourned at eight minutes past eleven of the clock.

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.